Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has completed the preliminary feasibility reports of Mahanadi-Godavari Link and three links forming the Godavari-Krishna Link proposals. The feasibility studies of the remaining links and the field survey and investigation for preparation of detailed feasibility reports of the links are included in the Eighth Five Year Plan Programme of the Agency.

Medium and majojr irrigation projects in Maharashtra

665. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of medium and major irrigation projects in Maharashtra are witnessing a very high time and cost run;

(b) if so, the project-wise details of such medium and major irrigation projects in operation/under execution;

(c) the details of special assistance proposed during the Eighth Five Year Plan to expedite these projects; and

(d) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any proposal in this regard and the details of decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) During the Plan period, 14 Major and 157 Medium projects have been completed up to end of 7th Plan in the State of Maharashtra. The Project-wise deails of the on-going schemes is given in the Annexure attached. (See Appendix CLXVI Annexure No. 12)

(c) No special assistance is provided to expedite the projects in the 8th Plan. However, to ensure accrual of benefits from investment the strategy adopted in 8th Five Year Plan is to attach top most priority to completion of on-going projects which have made significant progress in implementation.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra had sent to the Planning Commission on 7-1-1991 a proposal for raising resources outside the plan for accelerating Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra. As the total investible resources for the market borrowing programme, both for the Central and State Governments, is limited, there is no scope for allowing any additional allocation to Maharashtra Government over and above the borrowing programme as already approved. However, it has been decided to allow state level public sector undertakings to issue bonds in conformity with the guidelines of Securities and Exchange Control Board of India.

Share of Flood waters of Ganga to Rajasthan

666. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has been claiming its share in flood waters of Ganga which could be diverted to the arid areas of Rajasthan since 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that comments called for in this connection by the Chairman, Central Water Commission from the State Government were sent as early as June, 1990; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of the case and by when the Rajasthan is likely to get its share in flood waters of GANGA, and if there is any delay the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Rajasthan had submitted a proposal in 1984, envisaging diversion of 1133 cumec of Ganga Waters near Hardwar for 100 days during monsoon for utilisation

in the drought areas of Rajasthan. According to the report submitted by the Central Water Commission on the basis of studies carried out by them, sufficient water is not available in Ganga at Raiwala ad Narora for more than 20—30 days in a year for diversion to Rajasthan at economically acceptable costs. The comments of Rajasthan received on this report have been considered by Central Water Commission and replies sent to Ganga Flood Control Commission. Recently, it has been decided that Chairman, Central Water Commission would discuss the issue further in a technical officers meeting.

Separately, National Water Development agency has under the National perspective of Water Resources Development recently taken up a more broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development component which enter alia evisages diversion of surplus water from Ganga and its eastern tributaries to the water short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan.

On-going Projects on Tamin the Rivers

667. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the state-wise ongoing projects to tame the rivers of the country causing floods;

(b) by when each of the project is expected to be completed and which states are to benefited from each of the Projects; and

(c) what are the difficulties being faced by Government in completing the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATEN RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) A total number of 92 major schemes were ongoing in the States of flood prone rivers for managing flood, drainage congestion and bank erosion problems. The total spill over cost of the schemes in the 8th five year plan was Rs. 946 crores.

(b) and (c) The time of completion will depend upon the availability of funds. The most beneficial states will be (i) West Bengal (ii) Bihar (iii) Andhra Pradesh and (iv) Punjab having provisions of Rs. 280 crores, Rs. 251.7 crores, Rs. 143.5 crores and Rs. 125 crores respectively in the VIII plan. The major constraint in completion of flood management schemes continues to be paucity of resources.

Sharing to Yamuna Water among States

668. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement over sharing of the Yamuna waters has since been arrived at and signed by the four Northern States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a and (b) A draft Memorandum of Understanding allocating the utilisable surface flows of Yamuna has been signed by States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Prdesh and Union Territory of Delhi. Rajasthan is yet to sign the draft MOU.